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SOVIET MILITARY ACTIVITIES IN SHANGHAI, NORTHEAST INCREASE;  
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MORE MILITARY PERSONNEL ARRIVE IN SHANGHAI -- Hong Kong Hu-sheng Pao, 28 Mar 50

Ting-hai -- It is said that more than 1,500 Soviet military personnel, including antiaircraft personnel, pilots, technicians, etc., have arrived in Shanghai and are now billeted in the Chiang-wan and Wu-sung districts. The discipline of these Russians is said to be very poor, and they are causing many disturbances.

SUPERVISE AIRFIELD REPAIR WORK -- Hong Kong Hu-sheng Pao, 28 Mar 50

Ting-hai -- Soviet personnel are now directing the repair of damages caused to the Lung-hua, Chiang-wan, and Hung-ch'iao airfields by the KMT air force. It is said that the work is being done at night to avoid possible KMT air raids.

SOVIET AIRCRAFT ARRIVE IN SHANGHAI -- Hong Kong Kung-shang Jih-pao, 27 Mar 50

Taihoku, 26 March -- According to a report from Ting-hai, a large shipment of Soviet aircraft recently reached Shanghai. It is also reported that some 16 aircraft were assembled and tested on 13 and 14 March.

The KMT air raid on Lung-hua airfield on 20 March is reported to have wounded or killed more than 400 Communist air personnel and technicians and caused great damage to the field. The report further stated that all undamaged equipment were removed to the Chiang-wan airfield after the raid.

Hong Kong Hu-sheng Pao, 27 Mar 50

Taihoku -- It is reliably reported that the CCF recently received a shipment of approximately 100 planes from the USSR via the Northeast, including many former Japanese aircraft, such as the Tojo-type bombers, Zero fighters, etc.

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It is said, however, that the KMT air raid of Shanghai on 20 and 22 March caused much damage to these planes, and resulted in more than 400 Soviet and CCF air personnel casualties.

TRAINS 50,000 RECRUITS IN NORTHEAST -- Hong Kong Hu-sheng Pao, 27 Mar 50

Kuang-chou -- It is reported that Soviet personnel are now training some 50,000 men recruited from Kwangtung and Kwangsi somewhere in the Northeast. In addition to military training, these recruits are now being forced to work in the coal mines.

USSR SEEKS SHIP REPAIR AND TRADE AGREEMENTS -- Hong Kong Eu-sheng Pao, 15 Mar 50

Tokyo -- The Soviet Union proposes to seek ship-repair facilities in the various ports of Japan. They also wish to sell to Japan potassium carbonate, coking coal, and gas coal produced in the former Japanese territory of Southern Sakhalin.

Anatoliy Anatolevich Gromov, Economic Advisor and Trade Representative, Allied Council for Japan, and Chief of Reparations and Restitution Delegation of the Soviet Union in Tokyo, has stated that negotiations looking toward an agreement with SCAP are expected to reach a conclusion in April. Gromov also stated that during 1950 the Soviet Union wishes to charter a number of ships from Japan. Last year, the USSR bought about 7 million US dollars worth of locomotives and small boats from Japan.

An official of SCAP said that the desire of the Soviet Union to secure ship-repair privileges in Japan corresponds with their announced intention of expanding their shipping activities in the Far East.

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